

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 1-6 and 8 because of certain informalities regarding the objections to claims 1 and 2. These claims have been canceled thereby obviating this matter. Further, the Examiner has objected to the use of the word "partially". Applicant has deleted all references to the word "partially" and as such, the claims are now considered acceptable in that regard.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being indefinite because of what appears to be a typographical error. By the cancellation of claim 1, Applicant believes that this matter has been obviated.

Claims 12 and 24-25 have been rejected as being anticipated by the patent to Huang et al. Applicant, by the above amendments, has canceled claims 12 and 24-25 and accordingly, this rejection is considered obviated.

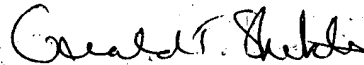
Claims 1-11 and 13-23 have been rejected as being obvious over the patent to Huang et al. in view of Yano et al. Applicant has amended the claims, presenting new independent claim 26, which recites the method of forming a first and a second mark, which marks are separate and distinct and have an identical content and are in an identical format. These marks are formed on an interior wall of a notch of each of a plurality of semiconductor wafers and the wafers are then stored with an alignment of the notches; these first and second marks are read simultaneously with an optical reader. This is not shown or suggested by the art and in particular is not shown or suggest by Huang et al. or Yano et al. In particular, neither Huang et al. or Yano et al. places identification marks in a notch which notch is used to align a plurality of the semiconductor wafers so that both marks might be simultaneously read by an optical reader. In the dependent claims, a third mark is formed on a reverse side of the wafer and read simultaneously with the first and second marks. As a result, Applicant believes the claims now to recite a patentable invention, and particularly patentable over the cited references.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

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With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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